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SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN THE CONFEDERATION OF
VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) AND ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD)

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1. RAFAEL LEON LEON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CTV AND MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (COPEI), HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CTV IN PLACE OF FRANCISCO OLIVO WHO DIED DECEMBER 21, 1974. AUGUSTO MALAVE VILLALBA, "COCAL" OF THE CTV, HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THAT ORGANIZATION. MALAVE HAS ALSO BEEN NAMED AS ACTING LABOR SECRETARY OF THE AD CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CEN) TO REPLACE OLIVO. THE CTV CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1975 WILL CHOOSE PERMANENT REPLACEMENTS FOR OLIVO.

2. COMMENT: THE ADMAJORITY IN THE CTV HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE QUESTION WHO SHOULD SUCCEED OLIVO BY ALLOWING MINORITY PARTY MEMBER LEON TO TEMPORARILY OCCUPY THE CTV PRESIDENCY AND SEVENTY-YEAR OLD MALAVE TO REOCCUPY THE CTV GENERAL SECRETARIAT AND THE LABOR SLOT ON THE AD CEN, POSITIONS WHICH HE EARLIER FILLED WELL AND HONORABLE FOR MANY YEARS.

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